

## **Town of Saugerties Conservation Advisory Commission**

Meeting minutes for January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Present: L. Thornton, B. Sawchuk, J. Barbour, S. Thorpe, J. Randall, E. Shafer, G. Marzec, M. Wrolsen, J. Kane and Melissa Barry (Behan Associates)

Absent: none

Convened: 7:00 pm, Saugerties Town Hall.

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- Meeting minutes for 12/18/08 were approved by all.
- M. Barry stated that there would be a presentation on January 26, 2009 on the lower Esopus provided by Mary McNamara.
- Melissa discussed the Natural Resource Mapping:
  - Several areas of the Town have been mapped.
  - All areas were reviewed and others were suggested.
  - Next step – what do we do with this information?
    - Utilize donated conservation easements
    - Purchase conservation easements (through bonds)
    - Zoning can be an appropriate tool, e.g. one or two acre zoning is not going to create open space – too much fragmentation.
  - Winston Farm could be a good test case.
- The CAC reviewed the landowners map to create a list of attendees for the large landowners meeting that will be held on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall prior to the next CAC meeting at 7 pm on the same date.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at ca. 9 pm.